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Dear <<Greeting>>,
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We are pleased to present you with the final Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the South Zone Travel Management Revision Project on the Williams and Tusayan Ranger Districts (South Zone) of the Kaibab National Forest. This project is designed to improve travel management on the South Zone in response to public and internal feedback by designating approximately 291 miles of camping corridors that extend 300 feet from either side of the centerline of certain roads; adding 14 spur roads (totaling approximately 1.1 miles) to the Tusayan Ranger District; closing approximately nine miles of currently open roads on the South Zone; adding approximately 24 miles of roads to the South Zone open road system; and establishing an adaptive management strategy for making limited changes to the South Zone transportation system in the future.

The final EA, DN/FONSI, and supporting documents are available for review online on the project website at: http://go.usa.gov/kpQV. If you desire hard copies of the EA or DN/FONSI, they can be requested by contacting the Williams Ranger District office at (928) 635-5600.

Objection Process

Unresolved concerns about the South Zone Travel Management Revision Project final EA and draft DN/FONSI will be addressed through a new objection process recently implemented by the Forest Service. Rather than seeking higher-level review of unresolved concerns after a project decision has been made, those who are eligible will be able to seek that review before the final project decision. The Forest Service believes that considering public concerns before a decision is made aligns with our collaborative approach to public land management and increases the likelihood of resolving those concerns, which results in more informed and better decisions.

In order to file an objection, you must have previously submitted specific comments regarding the project in accordance with regulations at 36 CFR 218.5(a). Written comments are those submitted to the responsible official or designee during designated opportunities for public participation provided for the project. For the South Zone Travel Management Revision Project, these opportunities were the scoping period in May 2014 and the formal comment period for the draft Environmental Assessment in April/May 2015.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days after the publication of a notice in the *Arizona Daily Sun*. The publication date in this newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. I anticipate (but cannot guarantee) that the *Arizona Daily Sun* notice will be published on January 22, 2016. It should be noted that the regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. All objections, including names and addresses of objectors, are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.





Objections, including attachments, must be filed in writing via mail, fax, e-mail, hand delivery, express delivery, or messenger service. Objections may be submitted via e-mail in Word (.doc or .docx), portable document format (.pdf), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), or hypertext markup language (.html) formats. Objections delivered to the address below must be delivered during business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays). Please state "South Zone Travel Management Revision Project" in the subject line when providing electronic objections, or on the envelope when replying by mail. Please submit your objections to Forest Supervisor Heather Provencio, Kaibab National Forest, as follows:

E-mail: objections-southwestern-kaibab@fs.fed.us

Mail/Hand Delivery: Kaibab National Forest

800 South 6th Street Williams, Arizona 86046

Fax: (928) 635-8208

Following the regulations at 36 CFR 218.8(d), an objection must include (at a minimum) the following:

- The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available;
- A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection);
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed on an objection (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request);
- The name of the proposed project (South Zone Travel Management Revision Project), the names and titles of the Responsible Officials (Danelle D. Harrison, Williams District Ranger, and James E. Simino [or other], Tusayan District Ranger), and the name of the National Forest on which the proposed project will be implemented (Kaibab National Forest);
- A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including
 specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable; how the objector believes the
 environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested
 remedies that would resolve the objection; and supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to
 consider. Please note: incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in
 36 CFR 218.8(b); and
- A statement that demonstrates a connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection. Issues raised in objections must be based on timely, specific comments regarding the proposed project.

Williams District Ranger

If you have any questions, or for document requests, please contact South Zone Travel Management Revision Project Team Leader Lisa Jones at (928) 635-5600.

Thank you for your interest in the management of National Forest System lands.

Sincerely,

JAMES E. SIMINO Tusayan District Ranger